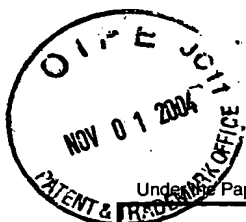


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 6, 2004, and the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2004, and preliminary to further examination in accordance with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.